



Disaster Preparedness Month

Dear “Disaster Preparedness Month” supporter:

April has been declared Disaster Preparedness Month in Washington State. Campaign materials have been developed and included in your packet to assist in your planning efforts.

Our new Disaster Preparedness Handbook, developed in partnership with Washington State Department of Health, is enclosed to act as a reference guide and provide you with needed information on Washington disasters and the proper procedures to take when they occur.

To assist you in reporting emergency situations, 9-1-1 information and materials for adults and children are located in the left side of the folder. For more information or to order 9-1-1 materials, please contact Penelope Cassidy. You will find her contact information on the lower left side of the campaign folder.

The 2005 campaign will highlight a statewide earthquake drill on **April 21st, 2005, between 9:45 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.** During the earthquake drill, radio and television broadcasters across the state will transmit a message encouraging all citizens of Washington to stop current activities and take appropriate earthquake safety actions. Materials are enclosed to assist you in conducting your earthquake drill. If you are unable to participate in the drill during the dedicated period, please plan with your agency or family to conduct a drill at another time to accommodate your schedule.

Schools in the area may have a conflict with vacation schedules and the WASL testing. Upon request, we have made arrangements to provide schools with the script or a tape of the Emergency Alert System message allowing them to conduct the drill at a time convenient for them. As you know, schools in Washington State take Spring break at different times and conduct their WASL testing on dates they select during the appropriate WASL window, therefore we arranged with the schools to provide the earthquake drill material to enable them to conduct their drill when it best fits their schedule.

If you need further assistance with disaster planning, please contact your local emergency management office. A listing of those offices can be found on EMD’s Website at **www.emd.wa.gov**. Campaign materials also will be available to download from EMD’s Website.

If I can be of assistance, please contact me at Washington State Emergency Management, (253) 512-7047.

Sincerely,

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